

U. S. REPLY ON COALITION WILL REJECT BRITISH EMBARGO CONTENTION Ban Recently Put on Staple Necessitates Recasting Note Answering London Order in Council

COMMERCE HAMPERED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Cotton growers and shippers openly declare that Great Britain has added insult to injury, by applying the doctrine of the "burden of proof" to the cotton shipper when a cargo is seized, under the new contraband ruling.

Despite the claim of the United States that it is an unalterable principle of international law that the burden of proof is on the captor, the British Foreign Office has decided that, in such cases, it can cotton or other American goods is concerned, the American shipper must shoulder this task. As a result, the new British note will require the American shipper to furnish evidence to the satisfaction of the British consul, that the goods are not contraband.

PAVE WAY FOR INDEMNITY.

Although officials are convinced that England will not back down, many declare that the ground work will be laid for forcing the Allies, when the war ends, to pay all damages sustained by American exporters as a result of the illegal act that have followed each other in rapid succession ever since the original order in council against German trade was issued.

RESERVE BANK TO AID PLANTERS.

While this situation is being handled through diplomatic channels, the Federal Reserve system is preparing to purchase millions into the South to stimulate the cotton crop, reducing to the minimum the necessity for shipments to foreign markets. The Administration is watching closely the cotton situation in the South, and abroad, and officials are optimistic that the domestic end of the problem will be handled expeditiously.

ELLIS WARD TO SEEK PENN ROWING COACH BERTH, LATEST NEWS

Former Tutor of Quaker Oarsmen Changes Mind and Will Put Up a Fight to Land His Old Position

University of Pennsylvania men were almost dumfounded today to learn from a signed statement by Ellis Ward, who for the greater part of the year has been the Quaker's rowing coach, that he is a candidate for his old position to succeed "Brian Nickalls, who has come home to join the Quaker's crew. The surprising feature of Ward's entry into the list of candidates is that he assured leading members of the College Boat Club some time ago that, under the circumstances, he would accept the position of coach. Ward's statement of his new decision is as follows:

"Heretofore I had let it be known that I would not consider an offer to coach the Penn rowers, but I have reconsidered it and I am a candidate for the position. I am taking the step of my own initiative as a vindication of the 'Ward system,' which, it will be remembered, has won almost all the races won by the Penn crews."

While no members of the College Boat Club or the University Rowing Committee would talk for publication, it is also positive that Ward will not be the new coach. Two years ago the Athletic Association declined to reappoint him, and those Nickalls is now coaching at the University. The undercurrent of the Penn newspaper, conducted a campaign against the re-employment of Ward on the ground that the students had lost confidence in him and that two members of the present Board of Directors of the Athletic Association were elected on a platform of opposition to Ward.

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HER DEATH STILL A MYSTERY Richly Clad Woman Probably Leaped From Observation Car

No solution of the death mystery of the woman whose body was found on the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad near North Eddystone, Pa., was reached today by the railroad investigators after 12 hours' work. It is believed that she fell or threw herself from the observation platform of a through express train some time last night.

The clue that seems to identify the woman at least as a passenger is the fact that she wore clothing of the best quality but wore no hat. Her dress was of white silk and her undershirt pink silk. She wore white stockings and russet shoes. She was about 40 years old, was 5 feet 10 inches in height, had gray eyes and dark hair. On her right hand was a small black signet ring, and she wore a wedding ring, with an inscription of which only the letters "C. J." could be read.

THE WAR A YEAR AGO TODAY Germans defeat Roussels in sharp battle at Ypres. East Prussia captured. Russian spread on broad front over East Prussia and Galicia and repulse Austrians at Kielce. British lose 2000 men in retreat from Mons. French evacuate Mauthausen. A battle is now in progress from Mauthausen, France, to the Doune, in the central Vosges. Serbians occupy Sabatz, near Belgrade, clearing Serbian territory of Austro-Hungarian troops. German steamship Elisabeth sunk. Germans blow up bridges to halt Japanese invasion of Kiao-chau. German U-boat Herick makes arrangements for American in Sweden. Belgian refugees rush to Holland. Second Canadian army starts mobilization. Hirschler appeals for men; probability of three years' war discussed.

FRENCH AIRMEN RAID LORRACH, IN BADEN; BATTLE AT SOUCHEZ

German Grand Duchy Bombarbed by Aeroplane; No Report on Damage—Artillery Duels in Artois

PARIS, Aug. 25.—Violent artillery duels were fought by the French and Germans at various points on the front last night. Conflicts were also waged with grenades and bombs, but the communique issued this afternoon reported no infantry engagements. A French aviator bombarded the station at Lorrach, Baden. No information as to the result was given in the communique, which follows:

"In Artois, in all the sectors to the north of Arras, the cannonade was rather sharp during the night. Some combats with grenades were waged around Souchez and Neuville. In the region around Roye and Lesigny there was an artillery duel, which was violent at the time.

"In Champagne and in the Arzonne only some mine conflicts were reported. The Vosges there were conflicts with grenades at Darckenon. "One of our aeroplanes bombarded the station of Lorrach, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, last night."

U. S. WILL WAIT FOR REPORT FROM BERLIN

Continued from Page One will wait for them if the German official explanation is available before that time. It was said at the State Department today that summaries of all of these affidavits are now in the hands of Secretary Lansing and that all agree that the Arabic was torpedoed without warning and that at no time did any one on board catch sight even of the periscope of the submarine.

Secretary Lansing refused positively today to say whether a disavowal of the sinking of the Arabic would satisfy this Government, unless it was accompanied by the infliction of adequate punishment on the submarine commander he "disregarded instructions." Officials, however, take the view that, inasmuch as Germany voluntarily asked for a suspension of judgment, it will willingly accept as much further as may be necessary to prevent any diplomatic break with this Government.

Administration officials saw hardly a chance today that the Arabic incident will loom up again as a threat against continued friendly relations between the United States and Germany. The plan will be recognized that explanations are yet to come—that, technically, the United States is only suspending judgment, and that Germany's account of the incident is not at all convincing. The accidental loss of lives of two American passengers may, in theory, not be satisfactory when it comes.

The truth is, however, it was learned on reliable authority, that the administration has not at any time believed a satisfactory explanation if she chose to do so. The United States president did not want the United States dragged into the European struggle and was convinced that the people were similarly averse to participation in the war and intended to keep the United States out of the European explanation Berlin might make. If it was offered obviously in a conciliatory spirit. Officialdom's chief anxiety, however, was that Germany was not in a conciliatory mood, and that there would be no answer at all.

In such an event it was conceded the United States was committed to a line of policy which would leave the administration no option but to break off diplomatic relations, and such a break off relations, it was agreed, could hardly be but a prelude to a general war.

The German request that nothing be done until the Kaiser can make an official report to Washington was looked upon as a completely unavailing ploy. "If the German Government would intend to do everything possible to satisfy the United States, it was felt certain that it would have made no such request as the one received by the State Department from Ambassador Bernstorff yesterday.

GERMANS WANT NO WAR WITH U. S., OFFICIAL AVERS

Accuses Enemies of Attempts to Foment Trouble

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—"Germany wants no war with the United States," was the emphatic assertion made by a high official of the German Government today.

"We are confident that there will be no war," he continued. "The enemies of Germany are doing everything possible to cause difficulty, but we trust to the fairness of the American people to see through these efforts." He called attention to the German Admiralty statement of June 21 "that German submarines are using every precaution to prevent loss of life on ships they attack."

"There has been no ship attacked," he said. "The Admiralty since that statement was issued," he went on. "If the Arabic was intentionally sunk without warning, the German Government would have violated the Admiralty's order, and his act will be disavowed. According to reports that have reached here, the commander of the Arabic admitted that he changed his course to approach another vessel—the Dunsley—that had been attacked by a submarine, but which was still afloat."

PROMINENT IN P. O. S. OF A. CONVENTION AT READING



The State convention of the Patriotic Order Sons of America is now in full swing at Reading. The proceedings will last three days.

P. O. S. OF A. FAVORS ARMY OF 500,000 FOR NATION'S DEFENSE

State Convention Discusses Question of Preparedness and Suggests Means of Assuring It

DELEGATES VISIT SHOPS

READING, Pa., Aug. 25.—The crisis of the United States is now facing, the increasing of the regular army and the perpetuation of the order were among the important topics discussed at today's session of the 25th annual State encampment of the P. O. S. of A. here today. It was the opinion of speakers that the United States should have at least a standing army of 500,000 men, and an increase of from \$15 to \$25 a month was advocated in the pay of soldiers.

A. L. Nomenaker, of Altoona, was elected to the Reading without opposition this morning. In the course of his inaugural address, he suggested the organization of junior camps, and was certain that with proper instruction to the youth of the country, the nation would be taken into a state of preparedness at all times that no country would dare to offend.

DELEGATES ENTERTAINED.

Last evening the delegates were taken over the two mountains in special cars. The cadet band rendered a program at 4th and Penn streets. The ladies were also taken on trolley rides.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The following committees were appointed by Retiring President Miller: Auditing—Charles L. Packer, Camp 217, Philadelphia; Oscar Heim, Camp 151, Philadelphia; John H. Mitchell, Camp 444, Philadelphia. Appeal—Gabriel H. Meyer, Camp 122, Palmyra; William Lawson, Camp 176, Philadelphia; W. L. Swoope, Camp 61, Clearfield. Credentials—District Presidents David H. Jacks, Howard F. Craig, George W. Wingard.

SERVICES FOR AUGUST LOEB

Former President of Tradesmen's National Bank Buried Today

Two funeral services were held today for August E. Loeb, former president of the Tradesmen's National Bank, who died Monday at his residence in Ventnor, Atlantic City, from a complication of diseases superinduced by an attack of pneumonia. Men prominent in business, financial and judicial circles attended the services.

PEIRCE SCHOOL RECEIVES

Business College Celebrates Establishment in New Pine Street Home

A "house warming" was held today at the new home of the Peirce School, 1429 Pine street, with several hundred students, alumni and friends in attendance. The Peirce School, one of the largest business colleges in the country, was formerly located on Chestnut street, above 8th.

MUNITION ESTIMATES TOO LOW, SAYS CROZIER

Ordnance Chief, Inspecting Frankford Arsenal, Tells of Army Needs

Three or four times more ammunition will be required for each field gun in the United States Army than was thought necessary by ordnance experts prior to the European war, in the opinion of General William Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, United States Army. General Crozier expressed this opinion today at a meeting of the P. O. S. of A. at Reading, Pa., which he attended for his annual inspection of the Frankford Arsenal. The war also has shown that the ordnance of the United States is in need of a complete reorganization, and that the existing arsenal in the country making ammunition for field guns. General Crozier expressed the opinion that the existing arsenal in the country making ammunition for field guns.

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CROOKS BORROW PURSE TO PERFORM A TRICK

Scheme Was to Beat Man Out of \$50 That He Refused to Spend for Mining Stock

Samuel Yorter, 256 Richmond street, exchanged \$50 for his initiation into the "Black Art" society, a hand trick if strata a clever sleight of hand trick if he would lend them his pocketbook for the purpose. Yorter, overcome by curiosity, passed over his pocketbook and saw it carefully wrapped in a handkerchief and juggled deftly by the performer. Suddenly it disappeared. His curiosity immediately was transformed into anxiety for the return of his purse and he demanded its reproduction.

GERMAN HOSTS PIERCE BREST LITOVSK LINE

Continued from Page One carried out and the supplies in the fortress transported to safety. Kovel is a railway center of importance lying 65 miles southeast of Brest Litovsk. Two great rail systems pass through the city, one running from Odessa to Petrograd; the other leading from Warsaw to Kiev. There is a short line running southward to Vladimir Volinsk, which town is also in possession of the Austro-German forces.

BRITISH BUY LEATHER HERE

Purchasing Agent Says Stump Speakers Stimulate Enlistment

NO TRACE OF MISSING MAN

Employees of F. Roe Searing Preparing to Wind Up His Business

No trace has been found of F. Roe Searing, builder and contractor, who disappeared several days ago. Relatives believe he was drowned while bathing at Atlantic City, but a search for his body in the surf was futile. Mr. Searing formerly lived in Philadelphia, but he moved to Atlantic City recently. At his office in the Perry Building today employees in the preparations were being made to wind up the business.

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Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes German Casualties (Estimated to June 30) and Total killed, missing or missing since June 10.

SERVIAN CABINET IN SECRET SESSION ON BULGAR TERMS

Allies Are Confident Nish Will Accede to Sofia's Demands, Thus Renewing Balkan League

KING PETER PRESIDING

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Everything in the Balkans now hinges, apparently, on the decision of the Servian Parliament, now in secret session at Nish, in the matter of concessions to Bulgaria in Macedonia. The general atmosphere here is one of confidence that the allied diplomats have succeeded in bringing the matter to a successful issue and that Servia will accede to the counsels of her greater allies.

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JITNEYMEN'S LAWYER FIGHTS ON NEW LINES TO DEFEAT ORDINANCE

Doyle, Representing Owners, Confers With City Solicitor Ryan—Money Raised to Carry on Battle

WOMEN DO THEIR SHARE

Philadelphia Jitneywomen are jubilant today in anticipation of action to be taken in the courts which they believe will restore their cars to the streets within the next few days.

Michael Francis Doyle, attorney for the joint committee of the Philadelphia Jitney Owners' Association and the South Philadelphia Jitney Owners' Association, is busy engaged today preparing for a new legal fight. He met representatives of the joint committee shortly before noon and went over the situation thoroughly.

Later he made arrangements for a conference with City Solicitor Michael J. Ryan this afternoon, in order that he may understand thoroughly what Mr. Ryan believes that the new jitney ordinance requires. Following this conference Mr. Doyle will outline his plans for court action.

The Joint Committee in charge of the fight is composed of John F. Lieb, Jr., Thomas MacFarland, Harry Russell, H. R. Rodes and H. C. Oate, of the Philadelphia Jitney Owners' Association, and M. J. Ryan, John E. Burt, William J. Kelly and William Alexander, of the South Philadelphia Jitney Owners' Association. The presidents of the respective associations are William McGill and John Tallman, are ex-officio members of the committee.

5000 WAR FUND.

At an open mass-meeting in Farmers' Market Hall, 1724 Columbia avenue, last night, nearly \$5000 was raised to carry the meeting to the courts.

The meeting was the first held by Jitneywomen, of which nearly 200, including several women, were present, at which there was complete co-operation. Personal and political differences were laid aside and the grim determination of the men to make one last effort to raise the funds at times almost bordered on tragedy.

Speakers for employees of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, Edward James and other business men urged a union of the Jitney forces for the benefit of their patrons as well as for themselves.

When the time came for making contributions, one after another they stepped up to the treasurer and deposited their mites. When the men heeded the "widow's mite" was presented by Mrs. Annie Rowan, of 1335 Pine street, and a concert of contributions followed.

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